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Making Improved Liposome )  
Compositions )  
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**APPLICANTS' PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sirs:

Prior to examination on the merits in the above application, Applicants respectfully request that this preliminary amendment be entered.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the claims:**

Please enter the following new claims 15 through 30.

15. A method of preparing an echogenic liposome diagnostic product comprising a biologically active amphipathic compound in association with a liposome; said compound capable of permitting specific targeting within a recipient; said method comprising the steps of:

- a) mixing a combination of lipids wherein said combination includes at least one lipid component covalently bonded to a water-soluble polymer;
- b) forming and obtaining liposomes from said combination of lipids;
- c) incubating liposomes from step (b) with a biologically active amphipathic compound under conditions in which said compound becomes associated with said liposomes from step (b) in an active conformation; and